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# County awards contract for creation of shoreline bylaw

by CHAD INGRAM  
*Editor*

The County of Haliburton has awarded a contract for the creation of a draft shoreline protection bylaw to Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd., in partnership with J.J. Richards and Associates.

Councillors made that decision during a May 12 online meeting, endorsing a recommendation that had come from an evaluation team including Warden Liz Danielsen and members of county staff. The county had begun meetings regarding the creation of a bylaw aimed at protecting lake health by restricting site alteration and the removal of vegetation near waterbodies in early 2020.

An in-person public consultation process that had been planned for last summer was unable to proceed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with council conversations around the

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**A colourful tribute to a colourful character**

Minden Pride committee past-chairperson David Rankin, left, secretary Jackie Wells, treasurer Norma Goodger and chairperson Allan Guinan show off the new rainbow bench at the Gull River in town dedicated to their co-founder Sinclair Russell, who died on May 23, 2020. Donated by Minden Pride, the bench represents Russell's efforts to bring the spirit of inclusiveness to his home community of Minden. See more on page 5. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Short-term rental regs move to upper tier

by CHAD INGRAM  
*Editor*

The issue of regulating short-term rentals in Haliburton County will move to the upper tier of the county council table, after receiv-

ing support for the concept from each of the county's four, lower-tier municipal councils.

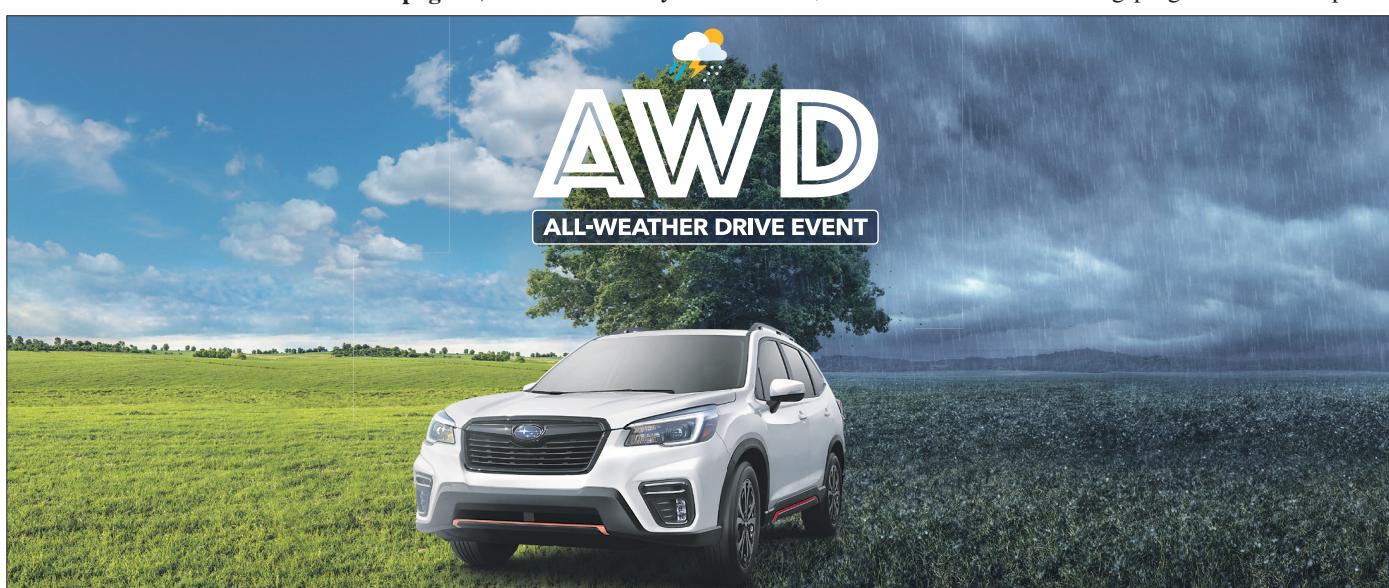
County councillors came to that agreement during a May 12 online meeting.

During the past few years, each of the county's four municipal councils have had conversations about introducing regulations and licensing programs for the operation of

short-term rentals. In some cases, this has involved public meetings and issuing surveys, but no policies have been put in place.

A number of Ontario municipalities have begun looking at the regulation of short-term rentals within their borders, with some es-

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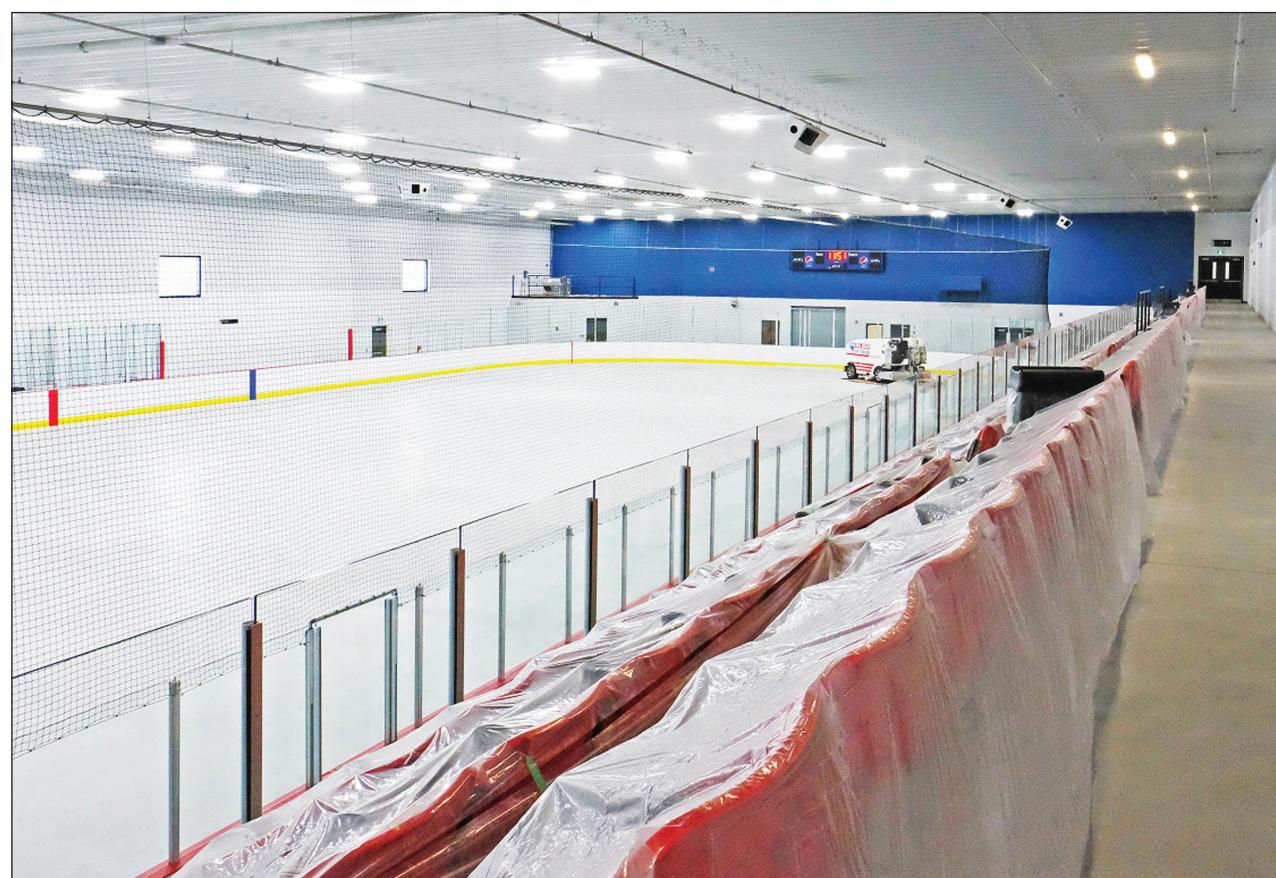
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A fundraising campaign will allow residents to sponsor seats in the new arena for \$500 each, with the financial contribution recognized with a plaque, and tax receipts available. /File photo

## Arena fundraising committee kicks off campaign

by CHAD INGRAM  
Editor

The Minden Hills community centre fundraising advisory committee is dropping the puck on a fundraising campaign on May 25.

That campaign is to raise funds for additional items at the new arena and recreation complex, including a new scoreboard, banner cable and skate harness, a wall-mounted fireplace for the lobby, outdoor benches and digital signage for the exterior of the building.

"We are so excited to finally launch this fundraising campaign," Councillor Jennifer Hughey, who is chairing the committee, said in a release. "After a number of successful planning meetings, the committee is ready to start raising money toward our projected goal of \$300,000 for the facility."

The first phase of a three-part fundraising campaign is called the Take A Seat Donation, where residents and businesses can sponsor one of 294 seats in the new arena with a \$500 donation. A plaque acknowledging the financial contribution will be affixed to each seat, and tax receipts will be issued. The program is running on a first-come, first-served basis, the release specifies. Beginning May 25, those interested in purchasing a seat are asked to contact Hughey at 705-854-1205 or jhughey@mindenhillsc.ca, or Betty Mark at 705-286-4754.

The initial fundraising goal for the original fundraising committee was \$750,000, however that was before the COVID-19 pandemic struck. The initial fundraising committee was disbanded following public criticism that it contained too many members of township staff, and a new fundraising committee was struck through a motion of council last August. That committee has been meeting virtually amid the continuing pandemic.

## Process to include 'robust' public consultation

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draft bylaw resuming last September. The county had set up a digital public engagement framework that has been active on its website, for which a communications firm was retained to create materials, and which has garnered numerous responses. However, there was significant controversy and public criticism of a draft bylaw – particularly a recommended setback of 30 metres for site alternation and vegetation removal – as well as the in-house process the county had undertaken, and in January, council decided to abandon that process and instead hire a consultant for the creation of a draft bylaw.

"We did receive three, I think, pretty strong proposals," said chief administrative officer Mike Rutter, reiterating the four main criteria had included a review of the associated science; best practices undertaken in other communities; robust

public engagement; and the creation of a draft bylaw for consideration by council.

"The public consultation process that is listed in the response document is a starting point for conversation, and I want to reassure council ... that you will have all kinds of opportunity to add to that, take away from, change, when we start the process with the consultants," Rutter said.

The contract is for \$41,605, plus applicable taxes.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt noted there had been council discussion about conducting public consultation by sector, "so we didn't have a mixing and matching of concerns, and is that still up for discussion when the plan is developed?"

"Absolutely," Rutter said.

Council authorized the consulting firm to begin its work right away.

# Guides, township working on solution

by CHAD INGRAM  
Editor

Representatives of Minden's Guides and Scouts groups met virtually with Minden Hills staff last week to discuss options for a new home for the organizations.

As previously reported, the leaders of local Guides and Scouts groups were dismayed when they discovered through an article in the *Times* that what has been the Scouts hall at the Minden Hills Community Centre will be turned into a dressing area and offices for a new Junior A team. The Haliburton County Huskies are set to take up residency in

the new Minden arena this fall. The hall space was created through a donation from the Minden Rotary Club, used by the Guides and Scouts organizations for decades.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin has stressed that user groups will not be left behind and late last week, township staff met virtually with Guides representatives.

"They have agreed to store our supplies upstairs for the summer once the construction begins on the Guide and Scout hall," Amanda Austin, a unit guider for the Minden Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders unit told the *Times* in an email. "They have said that they will continue to explore options for our meeting locations and will discuss this with the Minden council at a future meeting. We are looking for continued security for our stored items (we're non-profit and re-

placing stolen items is a hardship). We appreciate their meeting with us and working towards a solution."

Minden Hills community services director Craig Belfry has said the township is committed to working with the groups.

## Surplus spent on roads projects

by CHAD INGRAM  
Editor

A 2020 surplus for the Township of Minden Hills that would have totalled some \$1.1 million has formally totalled just more than \$106,000, with the township spending the bulk of the large, anticipated surplus on a series of public works projects.

Minden Hills councillors received a report on the surplus from finance director Lorrie Blanchard during a May 13 online meeting. As Blanchard explained, 72 per cent of the \$1.1 million surplus came from wages and benefits from unfilled staffing positions in various departments, "either positions that didn't get filled in 2020, or were much later in the year getting filled than what we had hoped."

In the fall of last year, councillors had been informed the township was likely on track to accrue a surplus of at least \$1 million, and so opted to spend much of that money on roads and culvert projects the township otherwise would have borrowed money to complete. That included nearly \$500,000 for the rehabilitation of the Sunnybrook Bridge in Minden's downtown; nearly \$400,000 for the reconstruction of IGA Road; \$130,000 for the emergency replacement of a culvert on Chambers Road; and some \$30,000 worth of engineering and resurfacing work.

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— LORRIE BLANCHARD

"In lieu of financing these projects through a debenture, council had decided that, knowing that we were probably going to have this significant surplus, that we were going to use these funds for those purposes," Blanchard said.

The remaining surplus of just more than \$106,000 will be placed in the township's capital project reserve.

### (VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council, Committee of the Whole and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**May 27 – Regular Council Meeting**  
**June 10 – Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.mindenhill.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhill.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at [www.mindenhill.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhill.ca/council/).

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The deadline for submissions is June 11, 2021 by 12:00 noon.

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# Mitigating mystery snails in county waters

by CHAD INGRAM  
Editor

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations is launching a program aimed at decreasing the population of Chinese mystery snails, an invasive species, in the county's lakes.

County councillors heard a presentation about the program from CHA chairman Paul MacInnes during a May 12 online meeting.

As MacInnes explained, the snails have been in North America since 1892, when merchants began selling them in markets in San Francisco. They've since spread throughout North America, into all of the Great Lakes, and, during the past few years, into the lakes and rivers of Haliburton County.

"They've been spreading up through our county lakes for the last number of years, and one of the purposes of this project is to find out exactly where they are, but we know that they started in the southwest corner down in Moore Lake and they're spreading through the Trent system, and we know they're up as far as Haliburton Lake," MacInnes said. "They breed ferociously and our lakes are an ideal environment for them."

The snails are large and are most easily identifiable by a trap door they have on the bottom. Their tops are quite sharp, able to cut feet if stepped on, and they are found in shallow areas of lakes. "If they're not collected up, you'll see more and more of them," MacInnes said.

However, that collection process is more complicated than just pulling snails out of the water.

"As we started talking to the regulatory authorities, they said, well, you need a licence to collect these," MacInnes explained, adding there were legal reasons behind this requirement. "They are considered fish under the Fisheries Act, even though they're an invasive species."

He added they can also carry bacteria that can be harmful to humans if one doesn't know how to properly handle them.



The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations has created a program to mitigate populations of Chinese mystery snails, seen here, in Haliburton County's lakes. /Photo submitted

Unregulated collection can also lead to further spread, say, if someone was collecting snails from the water, placing them on a dock, and then one was to be picked up by a seagull, and carried to another lake.

According to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the removal of one snail can result in as many as 100 fewer snails in a lake the next year. The snails also consume bass eggs, thereby lowering a lake's bass population.

In a new type of program framework, the CHA has applied for a permit to allow for collection of the snails, and a training session for volunteers was taking place on Saturday, May 15.

"All volunteers, anyone who touches the snails, must take the training and be listed on the permit," MacInnes said, explaining 235 people had signed up for the training. Anyone removing the snails without a permit can technically face penalties from conservation officers, and MacInnes said the creation of the program required approval from the MNRF, which is a partner organization on the project, along with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Ontario Invasive Species Awareness Program.

Authorities will be notified of snail collection events, as well as where the snails are deposited. The creatures must be double-bagged and either buried or placed in landfills. Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin wondered if townships might have to amend their certificates of authority for landfills in order to permit the depositing of the snails.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said she'd checked with her township's environmental consultant agency and was told the township would not require an amendment for such. Moffatt noted there should probably be some communication with landfill attendants.

"People who work at landfills need to know they might be getting bags of snails, and that they're permitted," she said.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts wondered what people should do if they think they see any of the snails, and MacInnes said that lake associations would be given information about how to report sightings.

He said it's expected the program will last a number of years, and that complete eradication was not the goal and likely impossible.

"But we need to control the population," he said.

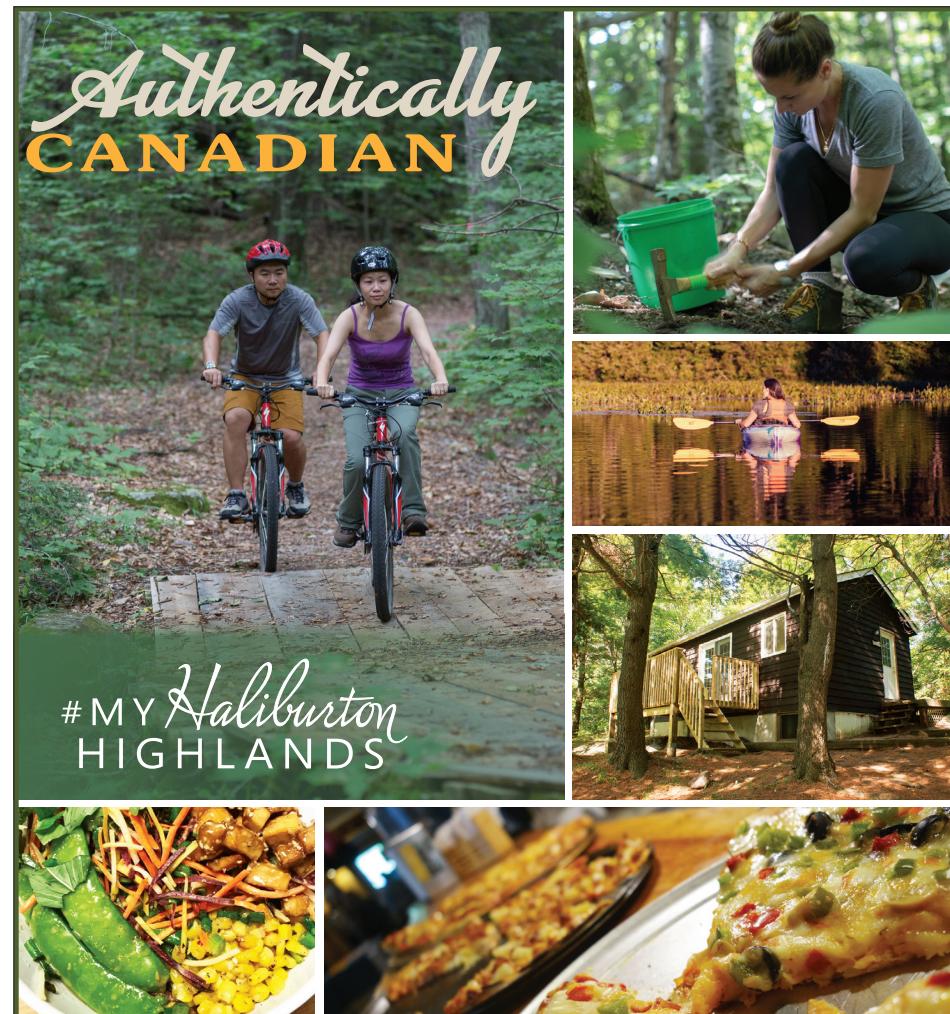
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# Legacy of inclusiveness lives on with rainbow bench dedication

by DARREN LUM  
Times Staff

The Gull River received a bright and colourful reminder of the man that gave so much of his heart to make Minden a place for everyone.

The late Sinclair Russell, who was a man with a megawatt smile and a personality to match, was honoured with a rainbow bench by Minden Pride on Tuesday morning, May 18.

Located along the Riverwalk, close to the sawyer sculpture by the bridge in town, the bench will be an everlasting reminder of Russell's efforts to brighten his home community.

It's been almost a year since he died on May 23 from natural causes after a brief illness.

He's gone, but will never be forgotten by the people he knew and those he helped with volunteer efforts, with Russell lending the talents that earned him a highly respected design career.

He was often at public events he spearheaded to help promote the area, or at the local food bank working to help those in need, and also created Minden Pride, as its co-founder with Bob Baynton-Smith.

Minden Pride chairperson Allan Guinan said it was important to acknowledge Russell's effort for not just starting Pride, but also in how he contributed to the spirit of inclusivity for Minden.

"He's a very, very colourful character and so it's very appropriate I think to have a Pride bench in Minden that is bringing that colourfulness to Minden," he said.

On the bench is a metal plate with words in relief, stating "Donated by Minden Pride in memory of our co-founder Sinclair Russell."

There is hope to have a dedication ceremony for the bench when the provincial lockdown is lifted, possibly during this summer's Minden Pride events.

Pride past-chairperson David Rankin said this bench symbolizes how important inclusivity was to Russell.

"That was a really important goal for Sinclair. So some-



Minden Pride donated a rainbow bench in the memory of Sinclair Russell, who was a community volunteer and co-founder of Minden Pride. /DARREN LUM Staff

thing here in a really public place and a place where the community uses I think is very important that they see that he had involvement in the community this way," he said.

Rankin said the arrangements to make the bench started last June.

This project received funding through the CEF (the Canadian Experiences Fund), a federal government program to support communities across country with the creation and enhancement of tourism products, facilities and experiences.

Pride's Jackie Wells said Russell often walked to a friend's along the Riverwalk out of town and when he returned he would often stop for a break to catch his breathe where the

bench is located now.

Guinan said a short homage video has been commissioned featuring Russell, which is being produced by Sticks and Stones Productions. The plan is to have it ready to see on the Minden Pride's new yet-to-be launched website during International Pride Week at the end of June. Keep up to date with the screening through Minden Pride's social media platforms.

Guinan said this rainbow bench is a strong statement for Minden and its dedication to inclusiveness.

"It shows visibility in the community, which is important all year long," he said. "Which is something he wanted."

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## Across the board

**L**AST WEEK, Haliburton County councillors agreed that when it comes to the creation of regulations or a licensing system for short-term rentals in the county, that discussion should take place at the county level, with a consistent policy being applied across the county's four, lower-tier municipalities.

And they're right. It's only logical, and the same methodology could and should be applied to a host of policies.

When it comes to the matter of regulating and licensing short-term rentals, each of the four lower-tier councils have had discussions surrounding such during the past few years. It's clear all four municipalities are interested in creating that kind of policy, and so it only makes sense that if one is going to be created, that it be

uniform across the county. This will avoid confusion for cottage owners and renters, especially given that a number of lakes in the county straddle municipal borders, and that a number of residents own properties in more than one township.

Not to become the proverbial broken record, but as I've written numerous times in this space, if there is not going to be single-tier governance in Haliburton County, then there should be collaborative, consistent and uniform policy and shared work across the board in as many areas as possible. While there is disagreement about how much money this might ultimately save, it's undeniable that it would make life easier for residents. One set of rules, for everybody.

This is beginning to happen more and more. When it comes to the

controversial subject of a shoreline preservation bylaw, the four lower tiers formally delegated their authority to the county on the matter, and last week, the county hired the environmental consulting firm that will be responsible for research, public consultation and ultimately, the creation of a new draft bylaw.

The townships are also beginning to share IT resources more frequently – all four now are now using the Waste Wizard app, for example, which helps residents to properly sort their waste and recycling, with the goal of elongating the lifespan of municipal landfills. Recently, the clerks of the four townships also met to discuss voting methods for the 2022 municipal elections, taking consistent recommendations back to their respective councils.

The service delivery review the county had conducted for itself and its lower tiers emphasized enhanced collaboration, consistent policy and centralized work, over and over again, and it would appear that things are beginning to move in that direction.

Recently, some municipal councils have begun discussing possible regulations or licensing programs for private docks on public lands, and this is another area where a uniform approach across the county only makes sense.

Haliburton County is one community. It may encompass some 4,000 square kilometres, but it is one community. It may include four municipalities that are themselves amalgams of former, smaller municipalities, but it is one community. One community should have one set of rules.



**CHAD INGRAM**  
Editor

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### Kwarky



"This isn't a virtual meeting, Todd."

## Not knowing any better

**O**N THE weekend, I received a call from a friend of mine who just harvested his first wild turkey.

"How did the hunt go?" I asked. "Did it take long for you to call it in? Did it come to your decoys?"

"I didn't call or use decoys," he replied. "I just walked up to it and shot it."

He then explained that he was hunting on a huge southern Ontario farm when he saw a wild turkey strutting about a kilometre away across the fields. Most people at this point would have closed the distance a little and then set up and try to call it in. My friend didn't know any better, so he decided to simplify things by walking across an open field of knee-high grass, within full view of the turkey, get within gun range, and shoot it.

"Interesting," I said. "How close did you get before you shot it?"

"Ten yards," he replied.

"So, you walked 990 metres across an open field to a turkey that clearly saw you and then, when you got to 10 yards away, shot it?"

"Yes," he said. "That seemed close enough."

Before you get all upset with my friend for walking up to a bird in an open field and shooting it, let me just say two things: first he was certain it wasn't a decoy because he was the only one with permission on the property and he watched it with his binoculars several times. Second, he didn't know that turkeys aren't supposed to let you do this. Ever.

For the record, I have now called in seven gobblers to within gun or bow range

this season without once getting a single shot because of terrain or the direction they came in from. The last two came within 10 yards but I was using a recurve bow that time and there was too much brush in the way for a shot. The good news is I did things right.

So to recap: my friend who is new to turkey hunting walked up to a turkey until he got to point blank range and then he shot it. Meanwhile, I, an experienced turkey hunter, have called in several birds within gun or bow range, and not yet got a shot.

After he showed me the photos of the bird he shot, I was considering giving him advice on how to shoot a bird, but somehow it didn't seem like the right thing to do. I mean he is new at it and I don't feel like I should blow his mind with the advanced tactics that I have used so far this year. He's just not ready for them. But, by God, if he walks up to his second bird in the same way, I'll tell him what he is doing wrong.

OK, 1,000 metres? Really. A mature and apparently healthy gobbler watched an armed man approach it directly in the open over a 1000 metre field? He said he wasn't even trying to be quiet.

Frankly, this is the kind of thing that makes a hunter who knows what he's doing hate turkeys. Regardless, I'm truly happy for my friend and I'm glad he was able to take home a delicious game bird and good memories.

But in a way I also feel really sorry for him.

I mean, it must really suck not to know anything about turkey hunting.



**STEVE GALEA**  
*Beyond 35*

## IN OTHER WORDS

*Columns and Letters to the Editor*

# Return of the messenger

**I**AM STANDING at the kitchen window, sipping morning coffee, when he arrives.

He is but a tiny bright flash flitting by, nothing spectacular or unusual on a clear and sunny morning. But when he lands on one of the feeders, he reveals his full golden glory and my view of the world brightens.

He is the Messenger, this spring's first golden finch and his message is that brighter days are ahead.

His body is small but it is an explosion of yellow optimism reminding us to celebrate the joys of life. His twitters and warbles broadcast hope, guidance, comfort.

The goldfinch is a spirit bird that has guided human thinking in many parts of the world for centuries. It has inspired poetry, novels and films and is estimated to have been a central figure in hundreds of paintings during the Renaissance.

Goldfinch numbers in North America are in the tens of millions; fewer in Europe where they have been trapped and sold for pets.

They were extremely popular as pets in England and Holland. People there often chained them in cages and taught them the trick of drawing water from a glass.

The glass was placed below a perch and the bird was taught to lower a thimble-sized cup into the glass and pull it back up.

They also were captured and used in a practice called Vinkensport, Dutch for "finch sport." In a Vinkensport contest, cages containing one finch are lined up on a street and timed for how many calls each finch makes in one hour. The finch making the most calls is the winner.

The sport has been condemned because of tactics used to make the birds sing more. In early times they were blinded with hot needles to eliminate visual distractions and encourage them to sing more.

The sport remains popular today in some European locations where the finches are kept in small, dark boxes, again to discourage distractions.

Fortunately, goldfinches are well protected in North America and parts of Europe. Our Migratory Birds Convention Act prohibits capturing, trading, transporting or killing these birds. In the UK, they are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

In earlier times the goldfinch was seen as more than a bright and happy sight on a branch or a bird feeder. Medieval Christians believed the European goldfinch acquired blood red feathers on its face when it attempted to remove the crown of thorns from the crucified Christ.

That belief no doubt is enhanced by the fact that goldfinches are very adept at pushing aside prickly thistles to get at thistle seeds, a staple food of the European goldfinch.

Ancient Greeks regarded thistles as curative and the goldfinch became to be seen as a symbol for good health. One ancient belief was that if a goldfinch turned its head to the left in the presence of a sick person, that person was destined to die.

Goldfinches themselves don't have long lifespans. Their typical lifespan is two to four years in the wild, nine years in captivity.

Paying close attention to your bird feeders can help goldfinches and other birds live out their typical lifespans.

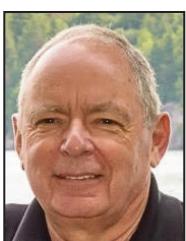
Salmonellosis is a common and fatal bird disease that can be spread from bird feeders. It is caused by a bacteria found in bird droppings and easily transmitted in tray type feeders or on the ground below feeders where seed has fallen. Experts say using tube feeders helps reduce transmission and that all feeders should be cleaned weekly with a 10-per-cent bleach solution.

This spring a salmonella outbreak has been killing finches and pine siskins along the U.S. west coast.

Also, care needs to be taken about what you put in goldfinch feeders. They are fussy eaters; they are vegetarians, the only bird known not to eat bugs. They love Nyjer seed because it contains nutritious oil, which means it is easily spoiled.

Nyjer seed needs to be stored in climate-controlled conditions – in temperatures below 80 degrees Fahrenheit. The experts suggest buying Nyjer seed in small quantities and from a dealer known to have rapid turnover of seed.

Looking after our goldfinch visitors is important. Without them, our world would be a darker, more pessimistic place.



**JIM POLING SR.**  
*From Shaman's Rock*

### letters to the editor

## Council lacks communication skills

### To the Editor,

While we congratulate Minden Hills council on what appears to be a successful negotiation with the new Junior A hockey team, it is unbelievable that the Minden Sparks, Brownies and Guides weren't advised directly about the effect of the agreement on their dedicated space within the Scout hall.

Council and staff have once again shown their lack of concern about informing the public on the plans for use of the new recreation centre. We keep hearing from the community services director about his intent to get all user groups together to discuss the allocation of use and storage in the facility. Ideas for programming were sought through a recreation survey undertaken a few months ago but to date, nothing has been communicated to the public on the results. The

arena portion of the new facility has been put to great use as a vaccination site.

However, the remainder of the facility has remained vacant due to COVID-19 regulations. What an ideal time for the administration to take the lead in moving forward with how the facility will be utilized once open. Several groups including pickle ball players; shuffleboard users; badminton/volleyball interests; would-be walking track enthusiasts; health club individuals and informal recreation potential clients await some sort of communication on how the non-ice facility is going to be programmed.

The delay in getting information from this council, although predictable, is inexcusable.

Gary Stoner  
Bill Obee  
Minden Hills

## Unfortunate and disappointing

### To the Editor,

*Re: No notice for Scouts and Guides, Minden Times, May 12*

This decision by the Minden Hills council is unfortunate and disappointing. As a taxpayer for the past 27 years and paying for the arena with my tax dollars, the council owes it to the Scouts and Guides to find accommodation in the new arena for these groups.

Transparency in communication is of utmost importance at any time but especially when dealing with your clients.

As a volunteer for the vaccination clinic at the

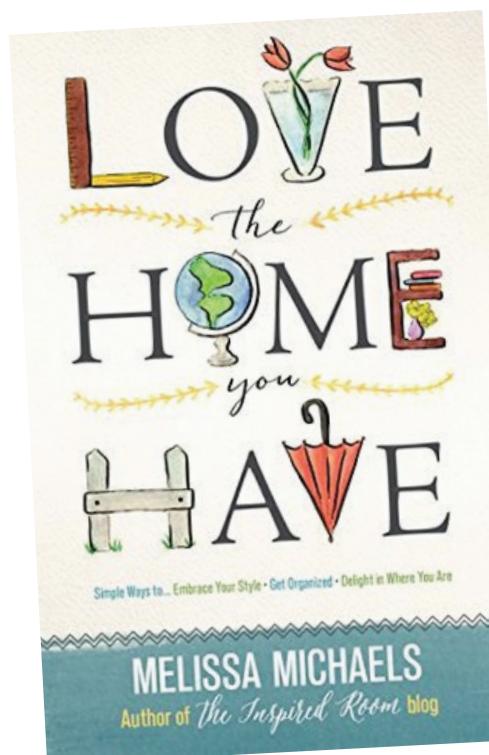
arena, I notice there are already change rooms set aside for the players.

Money often speaks volumes. As a senior, and not a hockey fan, I am sure I will not be using this arena. For children who do not skate but have a desire to learn and help in their community, this cohort has been left out to dry.

I implore the council to find a location in the community centre to fit the needs of the Scouts and Guides. Not to forget Rotary donated funds for the group originally to have space in the community centre.

Anne Stephens  
Claude Brown Road

## HCPL's Non-fic Pick - May



Folks, we're living through difficult times. Since the pandemic began, most of us have been spending more time in our homes than ever before, so it's natural to dream about the perfect domestic space. But what if the house of your dreams is the one you already have? Meet Melissa Michaels, creator of the popular blog The Inspired Room and the best contentment coach you'll ever meet. With humor and candor Melissa reveals how to transform your rooms (and your life) from livable to lovable.

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# Reversing Type 2 diabetes

**R**ECENTLY I HAVE heard from three different sources that Type 2 diabetes can be reversed. I had always understood that once you had Type 2 diabetes you had it for the rest of your life. This is great news.

Diabetes (Diabetes mellitus is the proper name) refers to a group of diseases that affect how your body uses blood sugar. Blood sugar, technically known as glucose, is a source of energy for the cells that make up the body's muscles and tissue. Glucose is the brain's main source of fuel.

There are four types of diabetes:

- Type 1: Once known as juvenile diabetes, is a chronic condition where the pancreas produces little or no insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to allow the sugar/glucose to enter the body's cells.
- Type 2: This is an impairment in the way the body regulates and uses sugar/glucose as a result of the pancreas not producing enough insulin and the cells not responding to the insulin resulting in a reduction of the absorption of sugar.
- Prediabetes: This occurs when blood sugar/glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough to be classified as diabetes. This is the diagnosis that is given before the line is crossed into Type 2 diabetes.
- Gestational: This occurs during pregnancy. It may be resolved after the birth of the baby.

Now that we have all of that sorted out let's talk specifically about Type 2 diabetes. Basically stated it is a lifestyle disease. I have had people say to me it is genetic. It is not so much genetic as it is familial, as in you and your parents may have it because similar habits that lead to the disease have

been followed, i.e. poor nutrition and sedentary routines. Ultimately, it gets back to the basics of good nutrition, exercise and rest. Type 2 diabetes is an example of poor habits making us sick.

Reversing Type 2 diabetes is all about getting healthy. Eating well, exercising and dropping the extra weight. This does not cure Type 2 diabetes but it does result in a reduction, and in some cases the elimination of the medication required to manage the disease.

I understand how this is a big challenge. It seems like popping pills is the easiest method to feeling better. It's kind of ironic really. Food is meant to fuel our bodies. The cells want to welcome the nutrients with open arms but the "convenient" food choices have caused that system to fail. So what do we do? We take medication to make it all better. That is a vicious circle that you can break.

Whether you are prediabetic or have Type 2 diabetes (or even at risk of having diabetes) get back to consuming real food. Vegetables are the best choice. The more colourful the better. Have them at every single meal. When you're done eating 'em get up and move in anyway that you can! Exercise is part of the good health equation!

I can't tell you why it often feels like so much work to be healthy. It does take a whole lot of effort. What I can tell is that it is worth it.

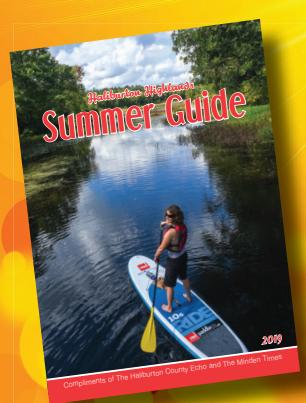
Something to think about.

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# Library cultivates gardens to grow, to go

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

A new initiative to enable more people to experience gardening at home sprouts this week from the Minden, Dysart and Wilberforce branches of the Haliburton County Public Library.

The Grab 'n' Go Seed Library launched May 18, bringing kits that include seeds, peat pellets and growing information into the hands of those hoping to nurture a green thumb.

Jaime Bilodeau, branch assistant and Haliburton County seed library co-ordinator, has organized the kits, which are themed and will be available first come, first served, via curbside pickup with no pre-registration required.

"We've always had a Haliburton County Seed Library, however, because of COVID [restrictions], nobody can use it," she said of a seed bank program typically offered inside the library that offers seeds in return for seeds at the end of the growing season to replenish the seed bank. "We can't receive donations, and we can't lend them out, either. So that leaves a lot of individuals not really knowing what we have available."

With the new Grab 'n' Go Seed Library program, it enables residents to access the popular seed bank though libraries are closed to public entry during the lockdown.

"We're getting the seed library kind of up-and-running, it's kind of revitalizing it, but changing it in the sense it's going to accommodate people in COVID times as well," said Bilodeau.

Building on the success of the library's

Grab 'n' Go craft kits, Grab 'n' Go Seed Library kits will offer over the upcoming weeks a basic garden kit containing corn, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers; a herb kit containing cilantro, parsley, dill, basil, oregano, thyme; a salad kit with various mixed greens and a wildflower pollinator kit.

"We've put together collections of basic things you can grow at home but have benefits to yourself because you're growing your own food, as well as to the environment because you're not relying on grocery stores – it lessens our carbon footprint a little bit," said Bilodeau.

The kits are available free of charge, making gardening supplies that Bilodeau notes can be costly available and accessible to everyone.

"I also want it to be available for everyone of every age, so if someone has zero gardening experience, this is going to be ideal for them," she said. "It's all super simple terms. There's really no failure involved. It's just trying to get your confidence in growing your own food."

Distributing the packs from the library makes sense, Bilodeau said, given the role of the library to create opportunities for learning.

"The library is a place for information and learning, and I think they go hand in hand," said Bilodeau, noting that being able to grow one's own food is essential in many ways. "If you really get into gardening then there's no choice but to get into books, as well, because it turns into a learning experience and you're going to research things, and you're going to know why that plant is not doing as well as

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Jaime Bilodeau, Haliburton County Public Library branch assistant has prepared 75 seed kits for patrons to pick up free of charge from the Minden, Dysart and Wilberforce library branches. /Submitted

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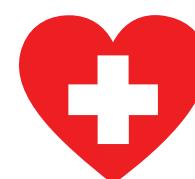
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The Clinic will operate for two half-days a week to start, and may scale up or down depending on community need.

Patients will meet with a family doctor through a secure Ontario Telemedicine Network video session, with the assistance of a nurse.

Patients will experience consistent care, as they work with the same physician over time. They will be transitioned to a local family doctor when one becomes available.

Book an appointment by calling HHHS Community Programs at 705-457-2941 ext. 2294.

The Community Programs team will help you register with Health Care Connect and ensure you don't already have a family doctor. The Clinic will not offer walk-in services - all appointments must be pre-booked.



# Kits available at three branches

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that plant."

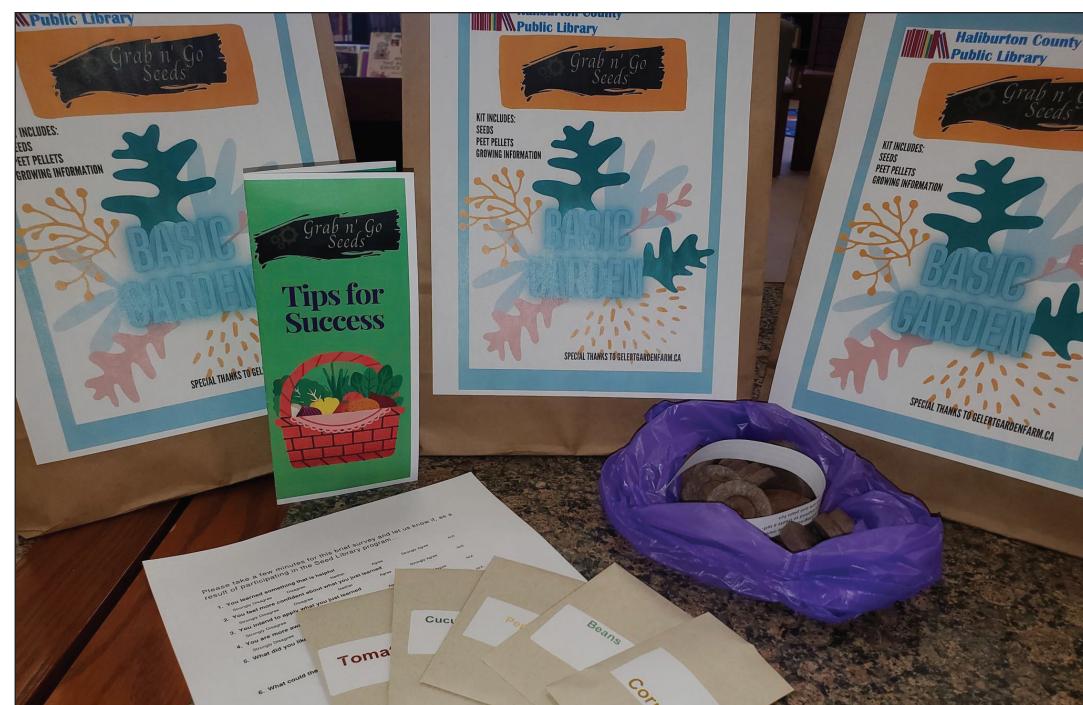
While some seeds were sourced from the seed library, Bilodeau needed more and reached out to Gelert Garden Farm, who "came in like a saint under the heavens," she said. Besides getting back to her quickly, Lee Ridsdale of Gelert Garden Farm was able to donate some of what the library needed.

"That's the nicest part of the whole thing," said Bilodeau.

Seed kits are also suitable for people who don't have a lot of space to grow.

"We're not giving people enough to build a 40-hectare garden," said Bilodeau. "We're giving people enough to just create an interest, create some sort of confidence in themselves. This way, people will learn what works for them – whether it's a teenager, or a seven-year-old, or an 80-year-old, they're going to learn what works for them."

In total, 75 of each kit are being offered – 25 at each of the three branches offering the program. Those interested can contact participating branches – Minden Hills – 705-286-2491, Dysart – 705-457-1791 or Wilberforce – 705-448-2510 – or "knock on the door." Follow the Haliburton County Public Library on social media for announcements on upcoming kits.



Themed Grab 'n' Go seed kits include seeds from Gelert Gardens Farm, peat pellets and 'tips for success' information to help gardeners get green thumbs. / Submitted

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The survey will be distributed in County Life on June 3 and will be available at each library branch as well as online at [haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://haliburtonlibrary.ca)



# Fewer school suspensions in first 2020-2021 semester compared to last year

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the board of trustees meeting of Trillium Lakelands District School Board held virtually on May 11.*

Paul Goldring, TLDSB superintendent of learning, presented numbers of suspensions and expulsions from the first semester to school board trustees at the May 11 committee of the whole board meeting.

In the first semester of school, there were 502 reported suspensions, resulting in 1,263 days being served by students. Of those 502 suspensions, Goldring said 11 were investigated and referred to mediation, meaning a student would receive a suspension as well as follow-up support; five were investigated and referred to an expulsion hearing, with all five resulting in expulsion. Of interest, said Goldring, there were 54 suspensions in remote schools, resulting in 120 days served, most of those suspensions related to conduct injurious to moral tone of the school.

When speculating why there was a significant decrease in numbers compared to last year's first semester, when there were 850 suspensions compared to 502 suspensions, Goldring noted schools were closed in January with students learning at home; students have been co-horted which results, he said, in separation at recesses and in different times, and changes to the Education Act means this school year is the first in which suspensions are no longer used as a consequence for students in junior kindergarten to Grade 3. In the 2019-2020 school year, 145 of the 850 suspensions were issued to students in those grades.

This year there were 263 one-day suspensions compared to 349 one-day suspensions last year in the same time period, and also down this year were two-day suspensions, with 64 two-day suspensions being issued compared to 177 two-day suspensions last year.

"Again, definitely decreasing this year, I think there may be some reasons behind that," said Goldring.

The top three reasons for suspensions were conduct injurious to moral tone of the school, breaches in code of conduct from school board policy, and fighting or violence.

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# MH drops committee-of-the-whole meetings

by CHAD INGRAM  
Editor

Minden Hills council will revert to holding two regular council meetings per month, discarding the committee-of-the-whole format that has been in practice in the township since 2011.

For the past decade, the township's council has held a committee-of-the-whole meeting on the second Thursday of the month. While councillors hear delegations, staff reports and discuss issues during these meetings, the actual passing of resolutions is mostly left for a regular council meeting later in the month.

This proposed change, as well as other proposed changes to the township's procedural bylaw, were put to an online public meeting on May 13.

As township chief administrative officer Trisha McKibbin explained, "The purpose of this is to help streamline the time and the review of reports. So for example, instead of our correspondence coming forward in both meetings, they come forward in one meeting and will be approved at that time. I also want to certainly make mention this does not mean that everything has to be passed at the council meeting. If there are questions and more information needed, reports can come back at a later council meeting. So while ... the purpose of this to help speed up the process, it certainly is not to take away the ability to debate and ask questions."

A curfew clause that was in the procedural bylaw is also being removed. It stipulated that meetings must conclude by 4:30 p.m., requiring council to pass a motion to extend meetings beyond the curfew when required. "I'm hoping, though, that with the change to having two council meetings a month, we won't need to go beyond 4:30 at our regular meetings," McKibbin said. "It should maybe help to speed things up. And again, I just wanted to highlight the purpose of these changes is just to improve the efficiency of council, to allow timely approval of agreements and bylaws."

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# Progress Pride flag to be raised

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LGBT+ community."

Through consultation with student trustees Ryder Lytle and Kaylee Kelly, who Johnston said reached out to other students with lived experience and allies for input, the Progress Pride flag was selected as the variation of the rainbow flag to be raised this year. The Progress Pride flag expands upon the original rainbow Pride flag. Designed by Daniel Quasar in 2018, the flag includes a design with brown and black stripes to represent people of colour, blue, pink and white stripes which incorporate the colour of the trans flag, and different directions of lines representing the intersectionality between racialised identities, gender identity alongside sexuality, which is represented by the rainbow colours. "We know that our decision to fly

In honour of Pride month, the Progress Pride flag will be raised at the Muskoka Education Centre and Lindsay Education Centre for the month of June.

"Since 2012, TLDSB has promoted positive space as one of many opportunities for system learning under the umbrella of Ontario's equity and inclusive education strategy," said Jennifer Johnston, superintendent of learning. "There are students, staff, parents and guardians in our school communities who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus. The goal of positive space has always been to create and identify safer inclusive spaces for LGBTQ+ communities within TLDSB."

Johnston said the flag would be raised "as a symbol of respect and celebration of the

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The Progress Pride version of the Pride flag will fly at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Muskoka Education Centre and Lindsay Education Centre for the month of June./ Submitted

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# Cohorting, PPE still in place at school in September

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the Progress Pride flag is an important step in making visible TLDSB's commitment to equity and inclusion, however, our work will be ongoing," said Johnston. "Long-term our equity task force and working group are continuing to work on developing our equity action plan through the fall of 2021. And short-term with Pride month in mind, communications services will be supporting system and community messaging to grow an understanding of our ongoing commitment to creating inclusive environments, our understanding of culture and beliefs, and identity of our staff and students."

"We're so ecstatic to see that the Progress Pride flag will be raised at the education centre and we're hoping to see that, as the years go on, that TLDSB becomes even more inclusive ... to recognize LGBTQ+ students and staff," said Kelly. "This is just absolutely amazing."

## School board planning for September

Director Wes Hahn noted the budget had been released by the ministry last week, and that the planning process for the upcoming school year had begun.

The ministry has directed that the school board register students in brick and mortar school, and also offer Learn At Home in the next school year. Cohorting will be in place again beginning in September, though Hahn

said it may not be as strict or intensive and PPE will be required as well as cleaning protocols will still be in place.

"Obviously to aim for in-person learning is great but we will have to be ready to move or pivot to online, that will still be the recommendation, the directive from the ministry, to do that," said Hahn.

June 1 will be the earliest in a timeline for registration for parents to consider a Learn at Home option for their child, though Hahn said a window into June would be available. While a considerable number of families are willing to switch back to brick and mortar schools, many will choose Learn at Home, said Hahn.

"I think it's important to know what we know now about how the ministry is going to support our models moving forward, is it's not going to look the same," he said. "It won't look like it does now, for many reasons. One due to the funding, even though we have received some funding, it's not to the same degree that we did at the beginning of this year, that will not exist. Again, the ministry is hoping, at some point in time, that we could obviously have our students back in person and that may look very different come January. It may look very different throughout the course of the year. We have to be ready to move and switch and pivot and the number of students that are probably going to be choosing our Learn at Home situation certainly won't be as high as it was at the beginning of this year so lots of factors will dictate

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# Educational staff eligible for vaccine

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how we offer and what we offer to parents moving forward."

Learn At Home will still be a synchronous model, as per ministry directive. This year, he said, parents will not be able to move their kids in and out of Learn at Home or bricks and mortar school throughout the year.

"It's really important we not do the switching back and forth, once we do decide on our models, parents will have to choose a model and that will be the model that they stick with for the first of the year," he said. "It's just not possible in the situation moving forward for us to be able to staff it moving back and forth, it's just not possible. So that's a tough decision for parents, we realize that, but one that we want to make very clear at the beginning so they understand that that's what we're going to be doing moving forward."

He said more information about the models for the next school year would be presented as they were available.

"From now until the end of June there is a lot of work to be done," said Hahn.

## Staff vaccinations becoming available

Beginning May 6, vaccine appointments did open up for all educational staff that come into contact with students, said Hahn.

"It's looking positive, more vaccines are entering the prov-

ince, entering into the public health units, so that we can continue to get our staff vaccinated," said Hahn. "Looking at the landscape as we look toward September ... we see obviously most of our staff if not all of them vaccinated. We see a community increase in vaccinations, most people possibly with their second vaccination, and even a potential for students to be vaccinated at some point in time. It's going to look very

different in August than it does right now, and I think that's important for the decisions parents have to make regarding Learn At Home or coming back into bricks and mortar."

The second last board meeting of the 2020-2021 school year will take place on May 25 at 6:30, virtually. Visit [tldsb.ca](#) for more information.

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	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	7	0	119	111	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	39	0	832	750	35	43	13
Northumberland	31	1	882	835	29	16	0
Total	77	1	1,833	1,696	67	60	13

Seven cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County are unresolved, as of the health unit's May 18 update, in which no new local cases that day were reported. To date, 33 cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County have been identified as variants of concern. Nine new COVID-19 cases were confirmed in City of Kawartha Lakes on May 18, while one new case was reported in Northumberland County./Screenshot from the HKPRDHU website

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**NOTE:** As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice.

**TAKE NOTICE** that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. conducted electronically via web conference.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be for Council to discuss updates to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Special Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at [www.algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca](http://www.algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca)

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# Councillors agree on uniform approach

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tablishing bylaws. Notably, the Town of the Blue Mountains established a policy governing short-term rentals in its official plan in 2009. That policy was subject to an Ontario Municipal Board appeal, which was ultimately dismissed, with some tweaks made to the regulations. The Town of the Blue Mountains' policy designates certain areas where short-term rentals are permitted, stipulates that owners must acquire a licence through the municipality, and abide by other requirements including occupant load maximums, a site plan, and separation requirements. The framework also entails a demerit point system, whereby owners earn demerits for infractions such as noise complaints.

"I think we're all in the same boat," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, adding that discussions in her municipality included the possibility of a licensing system. "I'd like to work together with everybody."

Roberts said she thought a uniform approach made sense, particularly given some lakes straddle municipal borders.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen suggested a fuller conversation on the topic at council's May 26 meeting.

"I think it's something we can talk about then, and trust me, I would really like us to have something that's across the board across the county," Danielsen said. "It just makes sense that we're doing the same thing in that regard."

Roberts suggested that, as was the case with the creation of the county's shoreline protection bylaw, the lower-tier councils should be asked for resolutions of support, delegating authority on the matter to the upper tier of the county.

"I think this is an issue that's best approached at the coun-

ty level," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. Algonquin Highlands council began discussing potential regulations last summer, and as Moffatt noted, a draft survey ready to be sent out to the public was set to come before council during a March 20 meeting. Moffatt suggested that if the county council was going to take on the topic, that the township could defer issuing the survey. She added substantial work on the subject has been done by Lake of Bays township, which borders Algonquin Highlands and is part of the District of Muskoka.

"There's some extremely good and comprehensive work done over the last couple of years by Lake of Bays," Moffatt said. "They have a very comprehensive report done on it, including a survey, and those outcomes."

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy suggested that Algonquin Highlands might still proceed with its survey, adding it could provide the most-up-to-date information and also form the framework for a larger survey.

"In Minden Hills, we've had a number of conversations about this, and in principle, do I agree to take a collaborative, county-wide approach with this? I really, really do," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. Devolin said he had some concerns regarding zoning bylaws and official plans and what overlap and implications there might be for short-term rental regulations, including potentially the creation of a new property classification.

"I would like to discuss that further," Devolin said, adding that could include input from planning firm D.M. Wills Associates Limited, recently hired by the county to conduct its planning business after the departure of the county's planning director.

"Having said that, have one uniform set of standards across

the county? Hallelujah," Devolin said. "We should do it on a lot more fronts, not just this."

"I'm hearing complete concurrence that we should be doing this," said Danielsen.

The matter will be taken to the lower-tier councils for their support.

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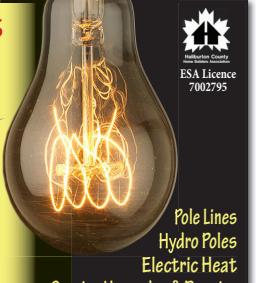
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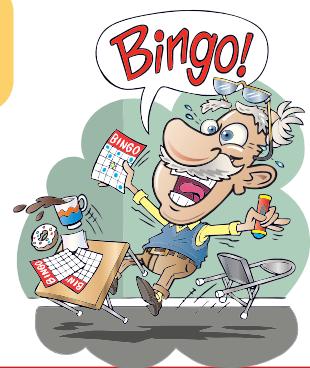


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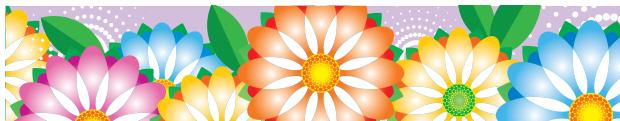
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Sherri Walker's provincial gold medal is part of her quest for the Olympics.  
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### Fishy business

These Grade 3 students turned their noses at the idea of planting fish.  
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"It was booked and it could be booked more."

**Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller says committee should 'do the big ask'**  
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**Saskatchewan bound**

For her project on the Group of Seven Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 6 student Teghan Dodds will be representing the school at the national Historica Fair in Saskatchewan this summer. See page

## Bones in backyard are a little scary, too

by SHERYL LOUCKS  
Times Staff

A family living on Main Street in Minden made a startling discovery this week when they

unearthed bones in their backyard.

The home sits at the foot of the hill across the road from the 45th Apparel and once belonged to the

Yearwood family. Const. Mark McMaster of the Haliburton Highlands OPP says last Tuesday morning the police were notified

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**Little Redstone Lake \$849,000**

- Completely renovated 4 season cottage
- All new systems including septic
- Year round Municipal Road
- Close to Haliburton Forest

**Kushog Lake \$1,800,000**

- 3680 s.f. Viceroy on .91 acres
- 3+ Bedrooms and 3 bathrooms
- Double car garage with upstairs
- 110 ft west facing hard sand entry

**Looking For**

- Entrepreneurs
- Investors
- Skilled Trades
- to purchase commercial properties

**Little Kennisis \$849,000**

- 4 Bdsm, 2 Bath, Extensive decking
- Living Room Kitchen/Dr Open Concept
- 140' shoreline, fabulous views
- Cdn shield, Firepit, Enjoy Yr Rnd

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**Wenona Lake Cottage \$989,900**

- Appx 105 Ft Wtr Frtg, 1.67 Acres, 2059 Sq Ft
- 4 Season, West Exp, Sand Beach, Steps f/Ctg
- 3 Bdm, 2 Bath, Open Concept, Sunset Views
- Level Lot, Detached Garage, Cts to Haliburton

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**24 Beautiful Acres near Dahl Forest**

- Managed Forest - Hard and Soft Woods
- Perfect for off the Grid Home
- Very private, year round access

**Highway 35 \$999,000**

- Great commercial lot right on Highway 35
- Close to new business developments
- Fantastic business opportunity

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**Percy Lake \$779,000**

- Spectacular 4.5 acre building lot
- 1000+ FT of clean rock & sand shoreline
- Afternoon & evening sun, stunning views
- Several building locations to choose from

**Mink Rd.**

- Approx 1 acre, nicely forested, good privacy
- Close to public access to Long/Miskwabi Lake
- Year-round Municipal Road access
- Minutes to Haliburton Village

**Minden Home \$199,000**

- 2 bedroom home close to town.
- New Fap furnace, roof reshingled 3 yrs ago.
- Easy access needs some TLC.

**Kashagawigamog Lake \$1,3000**

- NW exposure & beautiful sunsets
- Secluded property on 5-lake chain
- 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 2483 sf
- Sand beach

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**Downtown Haliburton \$600,000**

- 1926 historic home, renovated
- 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1873+ sf.
- Secluded backyard
- Close to everything!

**Kabakwa Lake \$479,000**

- Fantastic building lot, 3.3 acres
- 165ft waterfront with sandy cove
- West Exposure, hydro, newer septic
- Incl. 26' Travel trailer

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**Big Hawk Lake Lot \$245,000**

- Seasonal road access
- Almost 1 acre
- Over 150' of waterfront

**Lt Glamor Lake \$349,000**

- 189 FT frontage
- Shallow bay, ideal for canoe/kayak
- Crown Land borders north side
- Cottage needs repair

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**Haliburton Home \$675,000**

- 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2496 sf
- Open concept, dbl garage
- Access to members-only park & docks

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- MOVE to what Moves You!
- CLIENT focused! Results Driven!

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